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Suddenly
from heaven
there came a sound
like the rush of a violent
wind, and it filled
the entire house
where they were sitting
Acts 2:2

Soundings

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Celebrating Cinco de Mayo

by Claudia LaFollette, member of Burlington in Burlington

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On May 5 in Skagit Valley, Cinco de Mayo was celebrated with gusto. As the photos demonstrate, much food and laughter, fun and dance was had by all. The festivities were sponsored by the Skagit-Isle Cluster as a benefit and fundraiser for El Camino de Emaus, which is our recently-formed Spanish language congregation in the city of Burlington. Salem, a congregation in neighboring Mount Vernon, served as host for the second year of the celebration.

The party boasted a great band, and kids and adults joined together to dance to the happy beat. Pastor Richard Grinstad of Burlington led what he described as a line dance (looked like a conga line to us) in and outside ofthe fellowship hall. All the while Pastor Eduardo Cabrera of El Camino de Emaus kept the couples dancing going for hours. So much fun.

The food was fabulous as well. Luz Maria Cabrera led the crew in the kitchen, ending the wonderful meal with Tres Leches cake. Yummy. So delicious.

Especially for the children, two pinatas were hung, and after a lot of effort by the kids, candy came tumbling down for all to enjoy. Other

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The ONE Campaign

For 30 years the ELCA has responded to extreme poverty through the World Hunger Appeal and advocacy in Washington, D.C. Now, the ELCA has joined Bread for the World, the Alliance to End Hunger, and others in a single chorus against the injustice of extreme poverty in the world.

Called the ONE Campaign this is a new effort to rally Americans, One by One, to the cause of ending poverty in our world.

In September 2000 at the United Nations Millennium Summit, 189 member nations (including the US) came together to make the alleviation of poverty and the fulfillment of human rights their highest priorities. This unprecedented agreement spawned the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)—eight objectives to accelerate human development, achieve universal equality, and attain a more peaceful world by 2015. The MDGs are achievable, but only through a global concert of efforts among groups and individuals at all levels.

To learn more about the ONE campaign, visit www.one.org. For ELCA World Hunger Resources visit www.elca.org/hunger/.

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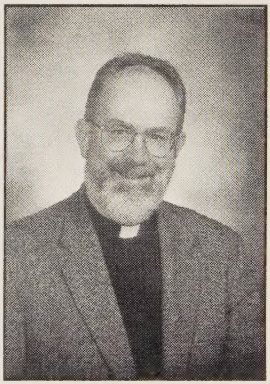
A Word From The Bishop



The Reverend
Chris Boerger

" Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,[1] you did it to me."

During the last week of April, Lutheran Services in America (LSA) held their annual conference in Seattle. I had the privilege of welcoming this group of leaders and to hear the keynote speakers address this group. LSA is an association of Lutheran Social Ministry organizations that supports the work being done in a wide variety of efforts.

LSA, ELCA and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod conduct periodic reviews of our social ministry organizations. This review is largely a check-in with the organizations that carry the Lutheran name in the community. It is a time to review the past and to speak of the future. I represent the synod in most of these reviews.

A consistent theme in the nine reviews, of which I have been a part, is the concern that the ministry is losing contact with the congregations of the church. The financial realities mean that for most of our agencies more money is coming from public sources than church sources. That does not mean that the agencies want to forget the church. Yes, they would like our continued and increased financial support. More importantly, what I am hearing is that they want our support through strong volunteers on their boards and other governance structures.

As congregational members are more focused on the local work of the congregation, the support of volunteers for these agencies of the church is decreasing. This trend, along with the diminished financial support, means that the ministries are looking to other groups for support. I want to again raise up the importance of the ministries of the church. They will remain part of the church only as we value and support them.

If you are a member congregation of one of these social ministry organizations, please be intentional in electing your representatives at your annual meetings. If you have talented leaders who might serve on one of their boards, please encourage them to serve. As our local members see the work of the larger church, the whole church benefits. I do fear that we, the church, are ignoring these organizations. As we lose contact with each other, we lose the opportunity to serve the increasing number of people who need the compassion of God's people in the name of God.

LSA represents over $8 billion in operating funds. These organizations still carry the Lutheran name into the painful places in this country. That is our ministry. I urge your continued support of our social ministry organizations.

2006 Synod Assembly Information

The Northwest Washington 2006 Synod Assembly will take place on Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, at the Lynnwood Convention Center, 3711 196th Street SW, Lynnwood. The theme is *Global Mission and World Hunger.*

Keynote speaker for this year's Assembly is the Reverend Howard (Howie) Wennes. He served in parishes in Montana and Arizona, and is the former bishop of the Grand Canyon Synod (1987 to 2001). Together with his wife, Mary, Rev. Wennes works hard to help educate people about the issues of hunger.

The ELCA Churchwide Representative is Gaylord Thomas. He serves as the Director for the Africa Desk/East Africa in the Division for Global Mission. (The countries that are included are: Ethiopia, Tanzania, Kenya, Madagascar and Rwanda.)

Synod Assembly Business Packets were mailed to congregations in mid-April. This information included the preliminary agenda, preliminary standing rules, synod council nominations and the resolutions. (The nominations and resolutions in the business packet were received by the Nominations Committee and the Reference and Counsel Committee prior to those committees' deadlines.) Additional nominations and resolutions may be submitted from the floor of the Assembly, as per the Standing Rules. This information is also available on the synod's website at: www.lutheransnw.org.

Each day the Assembly will have opportunities to learn more about how we are reaching out to others so *that all may be fed the Word of Life.* We will learn how we are touching the lives of those in Africa as we hear from Jean Wahlstrom and Marv Kananen, missionaries at the Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School in Tanzania. We will learn more as we hear how we are helping congregations in our companion synods in European Russia and in Ethiopia. We will have opportunities to choose from more than six workshops each day on topics such as immigration, alternative giving, companion synods, world hunger and global mission.

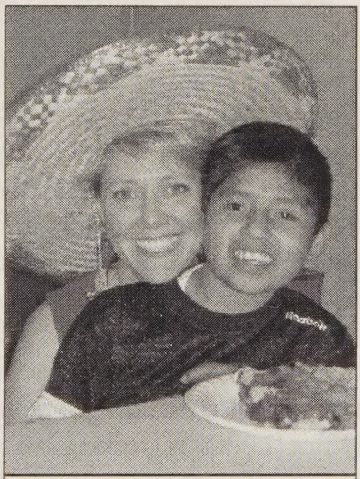
Registration is available on-line only through Tuesday, May 23. After that date, attendees will have to register on the morning on Friday, June. 2. Registration opens at 8 a.m. Opening Worship is at 10 a.m. The first plenary begins at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, please visit the Synod's website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on the 2006 Synod Assembly link.

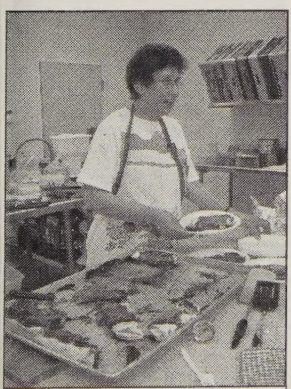
The kids trying to get the candy out of the pinatas.

games included Loteria (a kind of bingo) with terrific prizes for the winners. Guests were encouraged to buy raffle tickets from Pastor Walt Rice of Bethlehem Lutheran in Sedro-Woolley, and then to put them into the bowl next to the prize they wished to win. Many raffle prizes were on display, including themed baskets (Manly-Man tool basket, Pamper-Yourself (very fragrant) basket, International Food and many more) as well as beautiful pieces of art donated by local artists such as a metal cross by Dave Davelaar of Dog Island Forge. Wonderful.

El Camino is supported by a network of partners, consisting of pastors and churches, responsible for upholding the worshipping community. El Camino just received a grant from the synod to develop this specialized ministry (which is the only Hispanic outreach in our synod) and that has been a blessing. For information about how you and your congregation can join the network of parnters, contact contact Jan Nesse, Asst to the Bishop, Red Burchfield, Regional Mission Director, or Gary Sievert, NWWA Synod Board of Outreach Chair.



Rev. Mary Bosell, Burlington Lutheran in Burlington, and a friend



Luz Maria Cabrera serving the food.

We are grateful for Pastor and Luz Maria Cabrera and their allies for supporting and serving this important community. Most of the people attending El Camino are the most marginalized in our area and so we realize that contributions will always be needed to support this ministry. We hope you will consider including El Camino de Emaus in your annual budget. Donations can be sent to El Camino de Emaus, P.O. Box 161, Burlington, WA 98233.

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Cinco de Mayo

Upcoming Events:

We certainly hope you can join us next year on May 5 for this wonderful celebration. The date is easy to remember. Also, Bethlehem Lutheran in Sedro-Woolley will host an auction for El Camino in October and the worship event 'Posada' will be celebrated in December.

Assembly Visitors From Far Away

Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen, ELCA missionaries in Monduli, Tanzania, will be visiting our synod in May and June, as well as other synods around the ELCA. Jean is the chaplain at the Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School (MGLSS) and Marv is an English teacher at the Moringe Sekoine Secondary School. If you want to learn more about their ministry, here are just some of the places they will be visiting. For times, please contact the congregation:

26 May – Morning chapel at Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah

28 May – Morning at Bethlehem in Marysville

31 May – Evening at Our Savior's in Everett

3 June – 2006 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly; in the evening at Trinity in Freeland

4 June – Morning at Bethany on Bainbridge Island

11 June – Morning at St. Andrew's in Bellevue

Another visitor to our synod will be Rev. Heye Osterwald from Kaliningrad, Russia. He will be visiting with the three congregations in our synod that have sister congregations in Kalinigrad. Mt. Si in North Bend has a sister congregation called Salzburger Kirche in Guessev; Christ the King in Snohomish has a sister congregation called Resurrection Church in Kaliningrad; and Faith in Everett has a sister congregation called Pollesk Lutheran. You can meet Pastor Osterwald at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, at Mt. Si in North Bend.

State Advocate's Corner

by The Rev. Paul Benz

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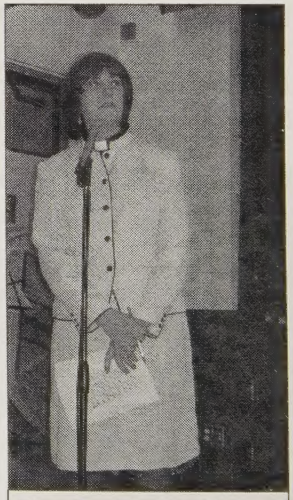
Greetings advocates. This month I want to update you on how Lutheran Public Policy Office (LPPO) is growing as a statewide ministry and a policy update on the issue of immigration.

LPPO had its third annual fund(friend)raiser on April 30. One hundred and seventy-three people turned out from all three synods in our state and from our communities to celebrate the work of LPPO, what we've accomplished together and to say "Si Se Puede" (yes, we can) – which was the theme for this year's event.

We surpassed our goal of raising $20,000. We thank all who support this ministry.LPPO will now be able to fund for one year not only a shared seminary intern (two days a week) but



Rev. Carol Jensen, St. John United in Seattle, at the LPPO fundraiser.

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Advocacy

also a Lutheran Volunteer Corp person (LVC) for five days a week. This LVC person will help to build stronger relations with congregations and to help make our advocacy network more effective. We are also moving forward on a major donor process to raise enough money to hire an administrative/support staff person three days a week. If you know of anyone who could give a major gift ($500 or more), please let me know.

In terms of the "front burner" issue of immigration, first of all and most importantly, know what your Church has said and is saying on this. The ELCA has a message on Immigration approved in 1998; I encourage you and your congregation to "dust this off", read it and discuss it. Most recently (in late March), our presiding bishop Mark Hanson and the president of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS), Ralston Deffenbaugh, Jr., issued a statement entitled *Evangelical Lutherans Call For Fair & Just Immigration Reform*. This statement was signed by 53 of our 65 synodical bishops. Both of these statements can be accessed on either the ELCA's webiste at www.elca/socialstatements.org or on the LIRS's website at wwwlirs.org. The March 2006 statement requests that any legislation include the following:

- Oppose criminalization of any member of a religious organization providing humanitarian aid to undocumented people residing in this country.
- Oppose criminalization of the undocumented.
- Provide a path to permanent citizenship.
- Ensure basic constitutional due process rights in the enforcement of our laws.
- Include the bipartisan Agricultural Jobs Opportunities Act for farm workers.

Also, please be aware that I-946 is trying to collect signatures that would:

- Require verification of immigration status in order to receive basic health & human services for children & adults in undocumented households.
- Require local & state employees to report any violation of federal immigration law.
- Charge these employees who fail to report violators with a misdemeanor.

LPPO urges congregations to have forums on this and other initiatives. The ultimate question in this discussion should be – "what kind of state/country do we want to be"?

Celebrating Those Who Advocate Justice

Evergreen Justice Awards

There are so many people who advocate justice to help make our state, nation and world a better place. Lutheran Public Policy (LPPO) wants to recognize those individuals, organizations or congregations who have worked so very hard on justice issues. The award is called Evergreen Justice Awards. The awards were presented at the recent LPPO fundraiser. This year's recepients were:

Larry Gossett, King County Council member, was a recepient for his leadership the past twenty years in working to rename King County in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. LPPO advocated for the state bill in 2005 that authorized state approval for this change and for the county ordinance that was just approved in February allowing for the image of Dr. King to replace the imperial crown.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church by the Narrows in Tacoma for their commitment to advocate justice in their community, state, nation and world. Under the pastoral leadership of Jan Ruud and Bernt Hillesland and with the lay leadership of Michael Bartenan the congregation has established an advocacy team that works in concert with LPPO.

Mary Schramm, member of Faith in Leavenworth and former member of the LPPO council, was honored for her life long commitment to being an advocate for justice. Mary is an author, retreat leader and speaker, and involved in her local community and congregation on a wide variety of social justice issues. She and her husband John own and operate the Jubilee Gift Shop in Leavenworth (please stop by & visit).

Rev. Nyer Urness, received this award posthumously. His wife, Louise, received the award on his behalf. (Nyer passed away two weeks prior to the LPPO event.) He had been an advocate for the homeless for more than 30 years in his ministry at Immanuel Lutheran in downtown Seattle. At Immanuel he started their emergency and transitional shelter (that is still going strong). And, for the past 20 years he was an advocate for the homeless serving as chaplain at Compass Center, Seattle, where every person on the street was treated with dignity and respect.

Boots Winterstein was a recepient for her life long commitment to advocate justice for all that began with the witness and example of her parents. Her father, Rueben, began Lutheran Welfare Services in the Seattle area during WWII. Wherever Boots lived, from Baltimore to Seattle, she has been involved as an advocate for justice in her church and in her local community. Most recently, her involvement was through her work with the League of Women Voters, Seattle, and as the director of the North Puget Sound office of Lutheran Community Services NW.

Students Heading to College In The Fall

It's that time of year to send off your high school graduates and let them know about Lutheran Campus Ministry. As your graduates who are heading to college next year prepare, be sure to let Lutheran Campus Ministry know their names, contact information and the school they'll be attending.

Send your referrals to Pastor Scott Postlewait, Lutheran Campus Ministry, 4525 19th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105, or email them to chscott@drizzle.com.

Conference for Musicians and Pastors

A Conference for Pastors and Musicians is being held in Seattle July 7-10 with plenary speakers Samuel Torvend, Paul Hoffman and Susan Briehl.

Workshops (some of which are presented by clergy) are designed for both pastors and musicians. The conference focuses on worship planning for the Epiphany Season, and in particular, Cycle C for 2007, and will include several worship opportunities with a variety of musical styles and also the Festival of Baptism of Our Lord taking place at Deception Pass State Park beach.

This is the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians' (ALCM) Region IV Conference, a region incorporating 12 states and three provinces. Registration is exceeding expectations and folks are coming from Virginia, Florida andTennessee, as well as the mid-west and Region IV.

For more information on this exciting conference, please visit www.alcm.org, Region IV links or email Conference Registrar, Carol Churchill at carol.churchill@comcacast.net. Day rates are available.

Worship and Culture in the Global Community

Diversity as a Gift

The Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry's 2006 Summer Institute for Liturgy and Worship will take place July 9 through July 14 at Seattle University.

This summer the theme is *Diversity as a Gift*. Participants will explore diversities seen and unseen, that mark our worshiping communities, reflecting together on the contextual, the cross-cultural, the transcultural and the counter-cultural nature of our liturgical gatherings.

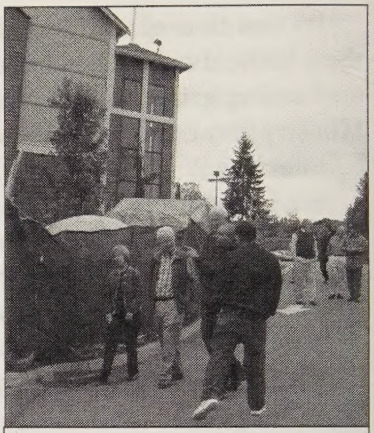
Cost is $450 (June 1 deadline) and covers opening and closing receptions, all materials and other necessary items. For more information please visit www.seattleu.edu/theomin/summerinstitute.asp or call 206-296-5984.

Tent City IV at St Luke's in Bellevue

by Margit Peiffle, Synod Communications Administrator

At its meeting on May 6, the Synod Council and Synod Staff had the wonderful opportunity to not only learn about Tent City IV from two of St. Luke's members but to also break bread with five of its members and to tour the city. I came away amazed and impressed with what we saw. The code of conduct in Tent City is very thorough. Members take turns with security and picking up garbage in and around Tent City and the church facility. Anne Bly, St. Luke's president and co-chair of Tent City IV, shared with us that the crime rate in the neighborhood has actually decreased for the same period of time from 2005 to 2006. We heard it over and over again from the co-chairs: It was a wonderful experience. We have given to them but they have given us even more. We are going to miss them when they leave on May 13 to their new location. We want them to come back to St. Luke's.

Note: In the July supplement to The Lutheran magazine is an article about the experience of hosting Tent City IV. The article is written by John Huether, member of St. Luke's.



Synod Council members beginning a tour of Tent City IV with St. Luke's, Bellevue, in the background.

One of the many tents in Tent City IV. Each tent has its own unique name.

The advisor to Tent City IV standing in front of their portable shower. They are very lucky to have a shower. Not all Tent City's have one.

Update
ELCA Board of Pensions

- **Set a step up with *Summer Steppin'***—Revving up your fitness and energy level is as simple as putting one foot in front of the other. Walking lifts your spirits, reduces the risk of type 2 diabetes and osteoporosis, and helps manage weight, cholesterol, blood pressure and diabetes. Invite family, friends or congregation members to join you in the six-week *Summer Steppin'* program this summer. Calendars, tips and other resources for your journey can be found at www.elcabop.org/resources_tools/health_tutorials/here_i_step.asp
- **Your Child's Health Coverage**—Is your child graduating? Congratulations! Have a child heading to college next fall? Want to know more about your child's eligibility for ELCA health coverage? View and download more information at www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/enrollment/spouse_children.asp
- **Rollovers Accepted Anytime**—The ELCA Retirement Plan offers a home for all your retirement savings. By rolling your other accounts (such as 401k, traditional IRA, 403b and governmental 457 plans) into your ELCA retirement account, you can save time and money while choosing from a wide range of investment funds. Learn more about the benefits of rolling other retirement accounts into the ELCA Retirement Plan or download a rollover kit today at www.elcabop.org/benefit_plans/rollovers.asp.

Employment Opportunity

Secretary/ Receptionist

Trinity in Everett is seeking a part-time (20-25 hours per week) secretary/receptionist. Qualifications include demonstrating hospitality, excellent verbal and written communication skills, excellent word processing skills, and ability to work well with volunteers and other staff. Prior church experience desired. Please send resumes to Trinity Lutheran Church, 2324 Lombard Ave., Everett, WA 98201, or fax to 425-252-5452, or email to trinitylu@aol.com. Further information may be obtained by calling the church office at 425-252-1239.

Minister of Music

Minister of Music at University Lutheran Church in Seattle. Combined position of organist and choir director. One Sunday worship service. 25-member adult choir. Occasional musical band. 16-18 hours/week. Commensurate pay. Inquire at 206-525-7074 or email at pastorron@ulcseattle.org for full job description. Resumes may be sent to ULC, 1604 NE 50th Street, Seattle, WA 98105.

News and Notes

- The Rev. Terry Kyllo, pastor at Celebration in Anacortes, and a member of the Komo Kulshan Episcopal-ELCA ministry cluster, was named chaplain to the search process to elect the eighth bishop to lead the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia. This will be a yearlong process. Pastor Kyllo was named chaplain earlier this year. You can learn more about their process at the diocesan website at www.ecww.org.
- Earlier this year Kelly Luna, Mt. Si in North Bend, received the Servant of Youth Recognition from the ELCA. Kelly received the award for her important participation at Mt. Si and as a very active member of the North Bend Community Youth Programs.
- Welcome to Rev. James E. Miley (ret.), interim Administrator at Region 1. He served as mission developer and parish pastor in congregations in California and Southern Nevada. He has served as deployed staff in Region 2 and Region 8. Jim and his wife, Avis, live in Ferndale and are members of Christ the Servant in Bellingham
- Janet St. Clair Lazar is the new North Puget Sound Area Director for Lutheran Community Services. Welcome to Janet.
- Prayer Ventures can be found on the ELCA website at www.elca.org/prayerventures.
- The Lutheran Association for Maritime Ministry will observe their 25th anniversary on May 22.
- Church of the Apostels, Seattle, will be in the June issue of The Lutheran magazine. Check it out at www.lutheranmagazine.org.
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans mentioned in their summer magazine that we can now fill our iPods with God-praising music. Both iTunes and Napster have sections devoted to Christian or inspirational music. If you are interested in only Christian hits, visit www.SongTouch.com. (However this site is only available for computers that run Windows.) If you are more interested in hymns, instrumental or old-gospel tracks visit www.musicoffaith.com. To read this article in full, please visit www.thrivent.com/magazine/links.

The Importance of Asking First

The Lutheran magazine in its May issue highlighted the importance of asking permission prior to including someone in a prayer chain, or posting the prayer in a newsletter, bulletin or on the website. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) applies to anyone who discloses information about another person's health. For more information see *The Intersections of HIPAA and Pastoral Care* from Lutheran Services in America at www.lutheranservices .org/pcare.asp.

Within Our Family

To Keep In Our Prayers...

We continue to hold in our prayers:

- † **Rev. Ben Bretheim (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Chuck Davis,** Counseling Associates in Edmonds, and his **wife Nancy**
- † **Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Norris Stoa (ret.)**
- † **Rev. Ron Soine (ret.)**

We pray for:

† **Lillian Wanwig, mother of Sue Wanwig,** passed away on April 15 at Evergreen Hospice. She was 91. Please keep the Wanwig family in your prayers.

† **Don Swartling, father of David Swartling,** Synod attorney, suffered a stroke in early May. Please hold Don and the Swartling family in prayer.

† Continue to keep **Rev. John Ericksen and his wife, Marita,** in your prayers as they continue deal with issues surrounding his diagnosis of early Alzheimer's.

† **Rev. Cindy Salo** as she continues to heal from surgery.

† **Mary Finlayson, mother of DeDe Boerger and mother-in-law of Rev. Chris Boerger, Bishop** as she continues treatment after surgery. Please pray for the Finlayson and Boerger families.

† **The Rev. Lou Gabrielsen (ret.)** and his wife Dee as they continue to recuperate from a 2005 car accident.

† **The congregation of Renton in Renton and for Pastor Martha Myers.** Renton recently voted to close. Their last worship will be held on June 25th.

† **Rev. Scott Brents** who will be installed at Camano, Camano Island, at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 21.

† **Rev. Katie Yahns** who was ordained at Prince of Peace in Everett on April 30. She is transfering to the Upstate New York Synod to serve in a two-point parish.

† At the regular Tuesday worship and synod staff meeting, **we pray for our pastors, churches and members.** We pray for all those planning VBS, mission trips and for all other outreach ministries. We pray for all those affected by the drought in East Africa and for our companion synod, the Ethiopia Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, as they work with other trusted partners to reach families in need. We pray for the people of Iraq, the people of Afghanistan and all the people experiencing conflict. We pray for peace.

Within Our Family depends upon you—not only for prayers, but also for your prayer requests. Contact the synod office with any additions or changes to this column at office@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292, toll free 1-800-244-6997. This newsletter is shared among many people. The synod tries to limit personal information on the prayer list. Please consider contacting those on this list to let them know that you are holding them in your prayers.

Video Resources

In The Resource Center

To reserve videos, contact Region 1 at 206-624-0093, ext. 100

Hungry Hearts (V-1419) and *It's Not About the Food (V-1420)*

The quest for the perfect body has become so prevalent in our society that many young people do not recognize unhealthy eating practices in themselves or their peers. After all, isn't it healthy to be slender?

The teens in *Hungry Hearts: Recognizing and Preventing Eating Disorders* present the truth about eating disorders, defining them and outlining their consequences and warning signs. Most importantly, Hungry Hearts tells young people how to get help for someone they are concerned is struggling with an eating disorder. *It's Not About the Food: Preventing Eating Disorders* helps the adults understand the nature of eating disorders among young people so they can reach out to them early, before the misuse of food spirals out of control. It is an ideal resource for parents and those working with youth in the church.

Hungry Hearts and *It's Not About the Food* feature David Herzog, M.D., President and Founder of the Harvard Eating Disorders Center; Debra Franko, Ph.D., Program Director of the Harvard Eating Disorders Center; and Beth Mayer, LICSW, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Eating Disorder Association. Appropriate for high school age and up.

Northwest Washington Synod Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Calls Accepted		
Jim Kruse	Cross of Christ, Bellevue	5/1/2006
G. Lee Kluth	Dir. Congregational Relations, PLU	6/1/2006
Celebrations		
50th Anniversary Celebration	St Andrew's, Bellevue	5/21/2006
50th Anniversary Celebration	Grace, Des Moines	5/14/2006
Closing		
Renton Lutheran	Renton, Renton	6/25/2006
Death		
Nyer Urness	Bainbridge Island	4/7/2006
Installations		
Scott E. Brents	Camano, Camano Island	5/21/2006
Malcolm S. Brown	Bethesda, Mountlake Terrace	4/2/2006
Ordinations/Commissionings		
Katie Yahns	Prince of Peace, Everett	4/30/06
Resignation		
Mitchell Jones	First of Richmond Beach, Shoreline	4/30/2006
G. Lee Kluth	Trinity, Everett	6/30/2006
David Sorensen	Shepherd of the Valley, Maple Valley	6/30/2006
Retirements		
J. B. Brandt	Zion, Everett	8/1/2006
Transfers in/out of the Synod		
David Sorensen	Eastern North Dakota	7/1/2006

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(Transitions can be found on page 14.)

Northwest Washington Synod Mobility

In Call Process	Position	Status	Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor
Bainbridge Island, Bethany	A/SP	C	Marty Dasler, Lead Pastor
Bellingham, Our Saviour's	PR	C	John Olson, Interim
Burien, Glendale	PR	I	Douglas Stensby, Interim
Custer, Zion	PR	TR	Jay Decker, Interim
Edmonds, Edmonds	PR	TR	Katheryn Schlechter and Linda Nou, Interim Pastors
Everett, Faith	PR	TR	Kathleen Anderson, Interim
Everett, Prince of Peace	PR	NV	Interim Pending
Everett, Trinity	PR	NV	Interim Pending
Kirkland, Holy Spirit	A	NV	Mike Anderson, Lead Pastor; Kathryn Buffum, Interim
Lynden, Hope	PR	TR	Jean Barrington, Interim
Maple Valley, Shepherd of the Valley	PR	NV	Interim Pending
Point Roberts, Trinity	PR	TR	Supply
Redmond, Faith	PR	TR	Paul Wuest, Interim
Renton, St. Matthew	A/SP	P	Kirby Unti, Lead Pastor
Seattle, Calvary	PR	TR	Karen L. Hanson, Interim
Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood	PR	P	Supply
Shoreline, First Richmond Beach	PR	NV	Interim Pending
Stanwood, Freeborn	PR	TR	Supply
Stanwood, Our Saviour's	PR	TR	Mike Swain, Interim
Woodenville, Wooden Cross	PR	TR	Tim Wolbrecht, Interim

Mobility Position Key:

PR = Pastor
A = Associate
AIM = Associate in Ministry
DM = Diaconal Minister
A/SP = Associate with Special Emphasis contact Synod Office)

Mobility Status Key:

I = Interviewing
C = Calling
NV = New Vacancy
V = Vacancy
SC = Synod Call
TR = Transition process
P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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